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TAGS: SNAR, TU

SUBJECT: TURKS PREFER NO RESOLUTION ON ITEM 9 OF CND

AGENDA: SUPPLY OF OPIATES FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

REF: (A) STATE 026073; (B) ANKARA 1068; (C) ANKARA 1130
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SUMMARY: TURKEY WISHES TO AVOID A RESOLUTION ON THE
MEDICAL OPIATE ITEM IN CND CONFERENCE, FEARING THAT
THIS WOULD COMPLICATE OR INTERFERE WITH IS PROPOSED US-
TURK DIALOGUE ON TURKEY'S OPIUM ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. TODAY, FEBRUARY 15, SOYLEMEZ, HEAD OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, SUMMONED
POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO EXPLAIN THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES
HAD THIS MORNING APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TURKISH
DELEGATION TO THE CND CONFERENCE. SOYLEMEZ SAID THAT
THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD DIRECTED THAT ONE MAJOR POINT IN
THESE INSTRUCTIONS BE CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER
AND TO THE USG. THIS WAS THAT TURKEY PREFERRED THAT THERE BE
NO, REPEAT NO, FORMAL RESOLUTION ON THE MEDICAL OPIATE SUPPLY
ITEM.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REASONING, SOYLEMEZ
EXPLAINED, WAS THAT TURKEY SHOULD NOT BE COMPELLED
TO TAKE AN OPEN ATTITUDE ON THE USG POSITION AT A TIME
WHEN TURKEY WAS AWAITING THE USG'S RESPONSE TO ITS
PROPOSAL FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE US ON THE OPIUM
PROBLEM (REF C). SOYLEMEZ MADE CLEAR THAT TURKEY DID
NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO HAVE TO REVEAL TOO EXPLICITLY ITS
OPPOSITION TO SOME ASPECTS OF THE USG POSITION. "SOME
THINGS COULD BE LEFT UNYUID", SOYLEMEZ ADDED. THE
SAFEST COURSE, HE EMPHASIZED, WAS TO AVOID A CONFLICT.

3. SOYLEMEZ SAID THE ADVICE FROM TURK AMBASSADOR
KIRCA (REF E) TO THE EFFECT THAT A RESOLUTION SHOULD BE
AVOIDED HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DEVELOPING
THIS POSITION. BUT THE REAL REASON, SOYLEMEZ STRESSED,
WAS TO AVOID A SITUATION THAT COULD COMPLICATE OR INTERFERE
WITH THE PROSPECTS OF A PRODUCTIVE US-TURKISH DIALOGUE ON
THE TURKISH OPIUM ISSUE. REPEATING THE FOREIGN
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MINISTER'S REMARKS ON LATTER POINT TO THE AMBASSADOR
VIRTUALLY WORD FOR WORD, SOYLEMEZ SAID TURKEY BELIEVED
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD
WORK
TOGETHER, NOT AS ADVERSARIES, BUT AS A COMBINED UNIT TO
RESOLVE A PROBLEM OF COMMON INTEREST.

4. SOYLEMEZ WAS NOT SPECIFIC WHEN WE

ASKED HOW TURKEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS OPIUM ITEM
DISPOSED OF IN CND; HE SIMPLY REPEATED THAT TURKEY
WISHED TO AVOID FORMAL (RESOLUTION) ACTION.

5. SOYLEMEZ VOLUNTEERED THAT GUNES WAS
DISPLEASED WITH THE PRESS ACCOUNTS OF HIS MEETING WITH
THE AMBASSADOR (ANKARA 1142), AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE
SENSATIONALIST HEADLINES IN HURRIYET TO THE EFFECT THAT
OPIUM POPPIES WOULD BE PLANTED IF US COMPENSATION WERE
NOT INCREASED. THIS KIND OF DISTORTED INTERPRETATION OF
THE FONMIN'S BACKGROUND REMARKS HAD TO BE EXPECTED IN
TURKEY, SOYLEMEZ SAID.

6. FINALLY, SOYLEMEZ SAID THAT THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO
THE GOVERNMENT BY A SPECIAL REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY
COMMITTEE (ANKARA 1197) WHICH RECOMMENDED CONTROLLED
RESUMPTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION, SHOULD BE REGARDED
AS A "PARTISAN" PARTY ATTITUDE. THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION
REMAINED THAT A JOINT US-TURKISH EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUE
SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANY DECISIONS WERE MADE.
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